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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA: AFGHANISTAN REEVALUATES ITS POSITION

1. MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, DIRECTOR OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, RECENTLY TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE HAS ASKED HIS STAFF TO REEVALUATE COMPLETELY AFGHANISTAN'S POSITION CONCERNING THE LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) NEGOTIATIONS. AS A PART OF THIS STUDY, AFGHANISTAN WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERING WHETHER THE PAST TYPE OF CONFERENCE APPROACH IS WORTH CONTINUING.

2. AS A DEVELOPING ACTIVIST IN EVERY INTERNATIONAL FORUM WHERE THE INTERESTS OF THE "LAND-LOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES" (LLGDS) ARE INVOLVED, AFGHANISTAN TAKES GREAT INTEREST IN LOS MATTERS. MAROOFI PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE
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AFGHANISTAN BECOME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SUCH QUESTIONS BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT IT ENHANCES GOVERNMENT'S CREDENTIALS IN THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT.

3. THE EMBASSY OFFICER OFFERED TO TRY TO SUPPLY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE AFGHANS WOULD

NEED FOR THEIR LOS STUDY. MAROOFI PROMISED TO
KEEP IN TOUCH -- AND THANKED THE EMBASSY FOR ITS
GENEROUS PAST EFFORTS TO KEEP THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
INFORMED.

4. DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC LOS VIEWS

TO BE CONVEYED TO THE AFGHANS AT THIS TIME?
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